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SUBJECT: ENTRY OF TWO GERMAN STATES IN UN: SCHEEL
SPEECH

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(D) USUN 3108 (E) BONN 12188 (F) RUECKERT/HUGHES
TELECON, SEPT 13

SUMMARY: IN EFFORT TO FIND SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE FOR
PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF DRAFT SCHEEL STATEMENT (REFTEL C)
MATTER TAKEN UP WITH GERMANS BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN BONN
GROUP, BUT WITHOUT IMMEDIATE SUCCESS. GERMAN REP DID,
HOWEVER, SAY THAT US CONCERN WOULD BE PASSED TO MINISTER
SCHEEL. END SUMMARY

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL A, US REP RAISED BILATERALLY
WITH GERMANS ON SEPTEMBER 13 DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT
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PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF DRAFT SCHEEL STATEMENT MIGHT BE

VIEWS AS CONTENTIOUS BY SOVIETS. GERMAN REP SAID THEY WOULD CERTAINLY CONSIDER US VIEWS VERY CAREFULLY AND WOULD HAVE A REACTION AT BONN GROUP MEETING LATER SAME DAY. US REP SAID WE UNDERSTOOD FRG NEED FOR STATEMENT BUT NEVERTHELESS SAW POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IF PRESENT TEXT WERE USED.

2. AT BONN GROUP MEETING US REP AGAIN RAISED DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN, ARGUING ALONG LINES THAT THE SOVIETS MAY FEEL MISLED IF SCHEEL USES THE PRESENT LANGUAGE IN VIEW OF FACT SOVIETS, ACCORDING TO OUR REPORTS, HAD BEEN TOLD IN NEW YORK BY FRG OBSERVER MISSION REP THAT FRG REFERENCE TO BERLIN WOULD BE NON-CONTROVERSIAL AND IN CONTEXT OF CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE. GERMAN REACTION WAS SURPRISINGLY RELAXED. FRG REP (BLECH) SAID THAT THE SENTENCE IN QUESTION WAS MERELY A PARTIAL QUOTATION OF THE SCHEEL LETTER AND HE DID NOT SEE HOW REPLACING QUOTATION WITH SOME KIND OF REFERENCE TO SAME LETTER COULD MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SOVIET RESPONSE WOULD FOLLOW. HE ALSO NOTED THAT TENOR OF REPORT FROM FRG-UN OBSERVER MISSION WAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM US REPORT.

3. BOTH FRENCH AND UK REPS HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS APPROVING FRG-PROPOSED LANGUAGE (REFTEL C) AND ARGUED THAT THEY, TOO, WERE UNABLE TO SEE BASIS FOR US CONCERN. US REP AGAIN REFERRED TO POSSIBLE SOVIET FEELINGS OF BEING MISLED AND REQUESTED THAT FRG REP REFLECT ON THIS POINT PARTICULARLY. US REP SAID HE WOULD REPORT VIEWS OF THE THREE ON URGENT BASIS TO WASHINGTON.

4. AS RESULT OF RUECKERT-HUGHES TELECON, US REP CONTACTED GERMANS MORNING SEPTEMBER 14 TO PASS WORD THAT DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN STILL VERY REAL BUT THAT US UNDERSTOOD FRG NEED AND WOULD GO ALONG WITH LANGUAGE AS IT STOOD. FRG REP (KASTRUP) SAID HE WOULD, IN PASSING THE AGREED LANGUAGE TO MINISTER SCHEEL, NOTE US CONCERN AND ARGUMENT RE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE. KASTRUP THEN SAID THAT, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM US REP THAT BASED ON HIS CONTACTS WITH SCHEEL'S CONFIDENTIAL

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SPEECH WRITERS HE WAS SURE STATEMENT WOULD BE SHORTENED AND REVISED.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH KASTRUP AND IN SEPARATE CONTACTS WITH FRENCH AND UK REPS, GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT LOCUS OF ACTION HAS NOW SHIFTED TO NEW YORK AND THAT ANY FURTHER DESIRE FOR CHANGES WOULD BEST BE RAISED THERE.

6. AS THIS CABLE BEING DRAFTED, BLECH CALLED US REP TO
SAY THAT TEXT IS STILL BEING WORKED ON AND THAT HE HAS
CLEAR INDICATION THAT FINAL STATEMENT WILL BE "MORE
INDIRECT" AND "BELOW LEVEL" OF PRESENT TEXT.
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